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SUBJECT: VORSTER COMMENTS ON RHODESIA

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1. WHEN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER MET WITH AMBASSADOR OCTOBER 11 (REFTEL) HE SAID THAT AFRICAN LEADERS WHOM HE HAD TALKED WITH REGARDED RHODESIA AS HIGHLY IMPORTANT FACTOR IN RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES AND SOUTH AFRICA. VORSTER TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE UNDER PRESSURE TO REDUCE SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR SMITH REGIME. HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT DO ANYTHING IN THIS REGARD WHICH HE CONSIDERED IMMORAL, I.E., A BREACH OF FAITH WITH RHODESIANS.

2. NEVERTHELESS, VORSTER SAID, MORE IS TAKING PLACE NOW RE SETTLEMENT THAN MOST REALIZE. HE WOULD KNOW MORE ON THIS SCORE
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"WITHIN A FEW WEEKS," AND WHEN HE DID HE WOULD INFORM AMBASSADOR

OF DEVELOPMENTS. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS NOT TWISTING SMITH'S ARM OR EXERCISING ANY PRESSURES ON RHODESIA, AS THAT WOULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE, BUT THIS DID NOT RULE OUT HIS GIVING ADVICE.

3. VORSTER THOUGHT THAT LABOR'S RE-ELECTION IN BRITAIN MIGHT EVEN MAKE SETTLEMENT EASIER TO ACHIEVE. HE SAID WILSON GOVERNMENT FACED WITH SO MANY SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES THAT IT WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO RID ITSELF OF RHODESIAN PROBLEM.
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